



New Haven Democracy Fund

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DEMOCRACY FUND BOARD MEETING

6:15pm Wednesday, September 18, 2019

New Haven City Hall – 165 Church Street

Second Floor, Conference Room 2

New Haven Democracy Fund Board:

Sergio Rodriguez, Chair

James O'Connell

William Wynn

Aaron Goode

(Three Seats Vacant)

Democracy Fund Administrator: Alyson Heimer

AGENDA:

1. Chair Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm.

2. Goode motioned to approve prior minutes. 4-0-0.

3. Report from the Chair

- a. Debate Debrief - Well attended. Thanks to the League of Women Voters for volunteering to staff the event.

O'Connell requested a change of venue in the future to save costs on the debate. Parking was an issue, and free parking would be better. O'Connell worries about the average member of the public access to technology and would like to do a combination of print and online advertising. Goode echoed that the venue was too small.

3. Administrator's Report

- a. General Election rundown - Wendy Hamilton withdrew from the race, mayor has not said if she will retain ballot access on the Working Families Party Line. .

- b. Friends of Justin Elicker General Election Grant - Following

Goode motioned to approve the disbursement of the General Election Grant of \$20,000 to the Friends of Justin Elicker. O'Connell seconded. There will be no clawback mechanism for getting the money if the race turns out not to be contested. 4-0-0.

- c. Initiating the funding replenishment request for 2020.

The Fund Board plans to request money from the Board of Alders to replenish the Fund. Goode proposed that we look at the difference between a single infusion and an annual amount.

4. Public Comment

Gage Frank, Campaign Manager for Friends of Justin Elicker said "the Elicker Campaign plans to return the Democracy Fund Money should the race become uncontested."

5. New Business

Elections Task Force Report - O'Connell served on this committee. No report has been issued since the July meeting.

Wynn motioned to adjourn. 4-0-0. At 6:48pm.